Navy Board Eastern Department

Boston July 6. 1779

To Hoysted Hacker Esq. Commander of the Sloop Providence

You are to Embrace the first Opportunity and proceed to Sea in Company with the Brig. Active Capt. Allen Hallet - who is Ordered to Sail Consort with you & under your direction. As both your Sloop & this Brig. are to form part of the Force destined for the Intended Expedition, It is our Orders that with the Sloop & Brig. you run down the Eastern Shoar towards Penobscot, both for the purpose of Capturing such Small Vessells of the Enemy as may be Cruising on that Coast, & for gaining Intelligence of the Enemies Motions & the State of their Force, both these Matters you will particularly attend to, after Seeing into Port such Vessells as may Sail under your Convoy with Provisions &c for the Expedition, You will take Care to Avoid the Superior Force of the Enemy at Penobscot & not Expose your self to be Captured by their Ships, you will frequently resort to Townsend in order to Join the rest of the Fleet which will Sail Soon after you & when you join them, you are to put your self under the Command of Dudly Saltonstall Esq. for the further prosecution of the Expedition, & for the remainder of your Cruise, which you are to make in Company with the Ship Warren & Brig. Deligent, Capt.

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Saltonstall will furnish you with a Copy of his Orders, & such Signals, & directions as may be necessary in Company, or for uniting after Seperation, you are to take, Burn, Sink, or destroy, all Vessells of the Enemy, that may fall in your power, and to send to a Continental Agent such Arms as you may send into Port ——

You will Observe the Strictest Oeconomy & Frugality with your Sloop & her Stores, & also Exact discipline on board, taking Care at the same time to use your Officers & Crew well & your Prisoners with propriety, You are to Cause a Return to be made to us of all the Stores in the Sloop, & to lodge them with us before Sailing, & at the End of the Cruize, an account of the Expenditure in each Department & what remains on board as if when you arrive on the Eastern Shoar, you shall get Certain Intelligence that the Enemy have left it, you are to give the Earliest Intelligence of their departure, that any further Expence may be prevented & join the Warren without delay We Wish you a Successfull Cruize and are

Your Servants &c

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